# Johnson Declare's Major Leagues May Have to Dissolve National Commission as Result of Verdict for Federals

Major Leagues Face Necessity of Changing Government and Contracts.

SEEK FUTURE SAFETY

Verdict for Baltimore "Feds" Severe Blow at Professional Game.

CRICAGO, April 13 .- Dissolution of the Commission, the "Supreme Court" of organized baseball, absolute everance of relations with the National ion of the players' contracts eliminating

These revolutionary measures to safe. tals, and certain officials of the defunct ing, a party,

perating in restraint of trade, neither to we want the charge of conducting ave been denied that privilege.

You would have thought that we

were on trial in Russia," the American league executive said. "We were charged with all manner of crimes. The attorneys for the plaintiffs referred o me as the 'Crar of Baseball' and gave he impression that we were on the

een wrong in our operations then of ional leagues would adopt to govern themselves would be among the early sevelopments, Johnson said. The leagues would be obliged to conduct their affairs independently and the National Commis-

### **HEYDLER DISPARAGES** EFFECT OF DECISION

No Interest in Baseball Business, He Says.

eral League club, who neither by act nor voice dissented. "No agreement was ever entered into with more implicit good faith in that all the remaining clubs in the Federal League would agree to the settlement.

# BASEBALL LIKELY HIGH LIGHTS AND SHADOWS GIANTS SMOTHER TO CLEAN HOUSE IN ALL SPHERES OF SPORT

THETHER or not Organized Baseball goes through with its appeal against the \$240,000 verdict handed down in favor of the Baltimore club of the defunct Federal League there is little doubt that t will proceed as quickly as possible to revamp the entire organization of the professional game. With the Baltimore decision standing against them the National and American leagues find their big investments, and particularly their player assets, jeopardized. The sword of Damocles which so long had hung over the major leagues has fallen and it behooves them to take action before the effects begin to reach out further than the sum represented in the verdict. Outside of the financial sting now suffered we believe that the decision of the court was a good thing for the game. For years and years Organized Baseball has been in fear of the courts. Practically every who instituted a suit against any club was sure to have his claim player. They collected seventeen bingles, including doubles, triples and a notner judice at the Orioles this afternoon, and when the festivities were over McGraw's men were the winners, 11 to 6. The big leaguers were never in the slightest danger. They collected seventeen bingles, including doubles, triples and a pionship with Jack Dempsey. They collected seventeen bingles, including doubles, triples and a promotion of the court was a good thing for the game. For years and productions fourply swat by Larry Doyle, which cleared the right field wall with plenty to spare. compromised before the matter ever came before a court. Organized Baseball always has been rather suspicious of the player's contract and the tenday clause, and until sued by the Baltimore Federals it had avoided every threat to have these contracts dissected by the judicial mind. Because of player to go through the entire game. this fear of the courts Organized Baseball, we do not doubt, has permitted itself to be mulcted by players and others whose claims were not just. the ten days and reserve clauses will Under a new order of things the major leagues will be the probable result of the \$240,000 they are playing the game with absolutely clean hands. Under a new order of things the major leagues will be able to feel that

Protection of Player Rights a Puzzling Task.

The new order of things which both Ban Johnson and John Heydler yesterday insinuated was on its way will entail a rather thorough and puzzling task. Professional baseball is founded on the fact that just as long as any club desires to hold any player that man must either play with that club or quit the game. A contract for one year is also an option on the homesters pretty well in check. return from Washington to-night. that club or quit the game. A contract for one year is also an option on the man's services for the next year—an option for which, under the presen system, the player receives nothing and to which he is not, strictly speakchais, and certain officials of the definite ling, a party. While the club noise the player as long have projected. League, were defendants in the player may be released on ten days' notice. Even club owners long have \$200,000 suit for damages brought under at least suspected that, from a legal standpoint, there was something wrong at least suspected that, Johnson said that an appeal would be in this arrangement. Organized Baseball is confronted with the Johnson said that an appeal would be drawing a contract that will stand up in a court of equity and at the same District of Columbia and, if necessary, time protect the clubs' player assets. We have no doubt that this will be the Supreme Court of the United done in a way to satisfy any court, but in the last analysis it will mean that running a major league club will be a more expensive operation than verdict of course is a blow to it has been in the past. The matter of expense already has hit the game Johnson said, "but we are hard, but we believe that baseball is due for a tremendous revival, which ularly distressed, as it was will make all the clubs forget the lean days and leave enough for owners we than we expected under the mothing more than we expected under the discussion of the Baltimore and players. It has been said that the apparent success of the Baltimore peal, no matter what the amount of damages involved was. We do not want to be charged with clubs are bound strictly to stand by their settlement, even if their leaders desired to go back on their words as gentlemen and business men.

Organized Baseball is fortunate that the decision came at this time monopoly hanging over us. We can be a ray of sunstine because of the season opens and at a time when the two leagues are considering ways and means for changing both the personnel and methods of the National Commission. Johnson avers that the National Commission may have to be dissolved. We do not see why such action should be taken, as While declaring that he did not care the leagues are entitled to organize a board of arbitration of their own to handle cases between clubs and between clubs and players. As we see the of the court, Johnson said that the atentire proposition Organized Baseball had better pay up, change its way orneys for the Baitimore Club talked of doing things and start the revival with a new spirit which is bound to bring financial Success and a new bleb level in the second to bring financial Success and a new bleb level in the second to bring financial Success and a new bleb level in the second to bring financial Success and a new bleb level in the second to be second bring financial success and a new high level in the game on the field.

#### College Sport Season Starts With a Bang

What is expected to develop into one of the biggest intercollegiate outdoor athletic seasons was inaugurated last Saturday. The long series of rowing races was begun with a Navy triumph over Pennsylvania. Last year Penn started with a victory over the midshipmen, but that was discounted by a Navy victory over Penn later in the season. This year Penn present system for forty years and is presented with a similar opportunity for revenge, for it will row th has been persistent in its success of Navy again in the American Henley on the Schulykill on May 31. The ceeping the sport clean and retaining next feature on the rowing schedule—one of the biggest events of the season-comes next Saturday, when Harvard, Princeton and the Navy meet

In college baseball Harvard last Saturday suffered the unusual experience of taking a beating from Bates. Yale had its hands full with Fordham in an eleven inning game, but Princeton had easy sailing against Swarthmore. Brown, like Harvard, had to swallow a bitter pill, as it was beater by Rhode Island State, its little neighbor, which sprang a surprise in the form of a pitcher by the name of Hudson. Rhode Island is being coached by Fred Walker, who once pitched in the big leagues and knows a thing sion would have to be abolished if the r two about throwing the sphere. The Army nine continued to travel in rouble and just did beat Lafayette, while the Navy ran away from Dickin son. Columbia made a better start than ever with an overwhelming victory ver Manhattan, which has fallen from its once high estate in baseball.

### A Good Time to Test This Wrestler's Claim

Marin Plestina has changed his manager. So he says. Since he could not get matches with wrestlers controlled by the so-called trust because Except in certain business details

Except in certain business details Plestina now were eligible for consideration as a local opponent for Vladek which he declared do not interest the public professional baseball will not be affected by the declared by the declared by the declared by the declared to not interest the public professional baseball will not be affected by the declared by the declared to not interest the same of the public professional baseball will not be affected by the declared by the declared by the declared in addition will forfeit \$1,000 of his own money if he is thrown. We do

Baltimore Federals, said John Heydier, wet held any brief for Plestina any more than a local opponent for Vladek at bat with a walk, three singles and a total will not be walk, three singles and at bat with a walk, three singles and a total will not be willing to meet any of the Richmond club of the Richmon his former manager was persona non grata with the trust, it looks as if \$1,000 of his own money if he is thrown. We do in the field. The score: president of the National League at his the game is surrounded by too many temptations and suspicious circumic is interested only in the proceedings stances. However, since the New York public appears to be strong for in the baseball parks, and not in the wrestling irrespective of conditions under which the sport is conducted might various business matters connected with it not be a good idea and a good time to test out this Plestina claim, which the National Commission and the playora contracts," said Heydler.

"The elimination by the trial judge of
the evidence bearing on the negotiations
for and making of the peace agreement
with the Federal League was to me the
greater disappointment of the Washins.

Washins.

### Col. Ruppert Does not Like the Twenty-one Player Limit.

the National and American leagues who met the delegates of the Federal League watching his Yankees work and he was prompted to register a protest against the Waldorf Astoria on the night of the twenty-one player limit. "After looking over the boys I am more December 19, 1915, and entered into a sattagonistic than ever toward the twenty-one player limit. It does not compact with them for the purpose of give a manager a chance to fortify his club against possible injuries or failure of a man to come through. It forces a manager to cast off a player "At that conference, and on the very who looks good enough to keep around," he declared. "The managers get threshold of its proceedings, the question a month to try out their men, but that is hardly long enough. But it is all in the game and we have to take it just as the others take it. Smallwood and McGraw, pitchers, still are in the army, and Jones, an infielder, is to come from the navy. When these players show up they will complicate things for Huggins.

stance full authority to make a settlement was guaranteed us by President
Gilmore, chairman of the Federals committee. Every such declaration was
made in the presence and learning of
President Rasin of the Baltimore FedThis statement nobody will deny.

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#### RUTGERS FOOTBALL | A. E. F. FINDS BOXERS DATES ANNOUNCED

# DUNN'S ORIOLES

Collect 17 Hits, Including a Circuit Drive by Doyle-Several Rookies Released. .

Special Despatch to THE SCN. BALTIMORE, Md., April 13.—The Glants the part of the hero in a Western movie had another jubilee at the expense of drama, said he knew nothing about the Orioles this afternoon, and when site of his coming fight for the cham-

Red Causey, well known to local fans, was given quite a reception by the 7,000 who turned out to see the afternoon rumpus. He went along swimmingly for four innings, in which time the home club failed to dent the plate. The fifth, however, was his undoing, and he was

Giants Get an Early Start. The Giants scored right off the reel. Burns elapped one of Parnham's traight ones to centre for a base. He sustled to third on the hit and run when

The Giants added a pair to their Chase doubled to left and Pen ambled home. Kauff was easy, short to first. A single by Zimmermann, with errors by Maisel and Honig, all contrib-

uted to another for the Glants in the

Birds in the fifth and the Giants had a merry time at his expense. Causey singled past short as a starter. Burns walked and when nobody covered first on Young's bunt the hassocks were all cupied. Chase's long fly to Clarke cored Causey. Kauff sent Burns and Young scampering across with a double Doyle then hoisted one over the right field fence for the circuit.

#### Birds Also Make Merry.

confined to the Giants by any means and the Birds chased Causey before it Beal started with a double and Carroll walked. Elliot, pinch hitting for Lewis doubled to centre and Beal and Carroll counted. Maisel singled to centre, Elliot stopping at third Jacobson's free passage to first filled the sacks and when Bishop was dead head-ed on four straight wide ones, forcing Elliot home, Manager McGraw gave Causey the signal for the showers. Honig lifted a high one to Young and Malsel counted after the catch. Both teams scored in the seventh, each run being tainted by an error. The Birds chalked up another in the eighth, but the Giante evened it up in their half of the pinth.

Lyons and Brogan, who belong to Rochester, Irwin will have charge of Ryan. Clarey, Gillespie, Huhn, Ross and Mil-

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WITH "COLD FEET" Lose to Chesters, but Score Over Ebelp

Makes Peace With Tom Jones and Jack Curley.

Chicago, April 13.—Jess Willard, champion heavyweight pugilist, and Jack Curiey and Tom Jones, at one time his managers, to-day held a peace confer-ence and settled their differences. It was reported that the two managers settled for \$10,000, the claims they sued Willard for in New York. They charged that Willard arbitrarily terminated ontract with them which still had se

Rickard Wants Willard-Dempsey Bout to Take Place Near Population Centres.

When Tex Ricard was asked last spot in which to pitch the ring for the lard and Jack Dempsey he emphatically declared that such was not the case.

"I am not waiting on any one or any thing," said the promoter. "Further more, I intend to buckle right down to business on the location and will anounce the place within ten days." In response to the query as to whether he would stage the bout in a place where there might be danger of interference the promoter said he would not select any place where there was the slightest prospect of action by the authorities. "I will take no chances in that respect," said he, "and will only put the bout in a State where I am assured beyond doubt that I will be able to bring it off according to schedule."

Questioned as to his preference to the East or West, he replied: near to the great centres of population as possible. Naturally I want to have

the ring as accessible to the public as is feasible, but with due regard to nonnterference on the part of the authorresult of a decision on points in a short

itle could not change hands on a ver-

their half of the ninth.

Giant Squad Reduced.

Willie Ritchle a Golf "Bug."

Elmer Miller, who was released to St. Paul. Standard of the Median and the Sportsmen's Club, in the First Regiment Armory in Newark. Sportsmen's Club, in the First partners, preferably featherweights. "I want to get two speedy lads, who will come tearing into me at all times

### EASY FOR BUSHWICKS.

Defeat the Robins Dry Dock Nine.

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YANKS AND ROBINS **CHANGE ITINERARY** 

Will Play in Charlotte on Wednesday Instead of Goldsboro-Players Rest.

By GEORGE B. UNDERWOOD.

row morning. Both teams leave here for Brunswick, Ga., where they will throw out skirmishing lines in the af-ternoon in the first of the four games of the road series. One change has been made in the regular schedule. In-stead of playing at Goldsboro, N. C., next Wednesday the teams will meet at Charlotte, N. C. The game was shifted from Goldsboro to Charlotte at the request of the Mayor and City Council of the latter town. Late last night President Ebbets received a long distance telephone call
from the Mayor of Charlotte asking if
the game could be shifted from Goldsboro to Charlotte, if the Goldsboro officials would consent to the arrangetelephone call
terday won the annual four mile handicap road race of the Clark House Athlette Association, held from Hamilton
the consulting with Harry
the Park course the extracts of the East When Tex Ricard was asked last ments. After consulting with Harry Fish Park over the streets of the East Taylor was wounded with the New Jernight if he was awaiting the result of Sparrow, business manager of the Yan-legislation at Albany before selecting a kees. Ebbets wired that the change was of 3 minutes 30 seconds Parkinson took September, in taking Grand Pre, by be-

Revised Itinerary.

Monday, April 14, at Brunswick, Ga.; Puesday, April 15, at Orangeburg, S. C.; Vednesday, April 16, at Charlotte, N. C.;

Dodgers. The revised road itinerary

Laursday, April 17, at Newport News, 22 minutes.

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At Newport News the teams will part company. The Dodgers will go direct to Boston to open the National League campaign there with the Braves with morning and afternoon games on Saturday, April 19, which is Patriots Day in the Hub. The Yankees will proceed to Cambridge, Md., where they will meet the Rochester club of the International League in an exhibition game on Friday, April 18.

The American Leaguers will spend the night in Cambridge, leaving Research.

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Two-thirds Mile Handicap (Protestena, 10 yards, 10 yards, 20 yar April 18.

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the night in Cambridge, leaving Satur-day morning for Wilmington, Del., where they again will play the Colts. The Yankees will leave Wilmington on Bohland, who wen the metropolita Saturday and are due in New York next two mile title last Saturday night, fir Saturday night.

In Newark Next Sunday.

Following the two games with the Braves in Boston on Saturday, April 19, the Dodgers will make a quick jump back to Newark, where on Sunday, April 20, the twelfth game betwen the Yankees and the Dodgers will be played. result of a decision on points in a short bout, he said:

"Willard has nothing whatever to do with that phase of the matter. Under the articles of agreement he has bound himself to fight any number of rounds up to forty and at any place I may designate. Quite naturally, if I selected a spot in a State where the boxing law republished decisions he will be played at Ebbets Field on Monday, April 21. The following day will be a played at of rest for both teams. The Yankees open the American League season on Wednesday, April 23. The same day the Dodgers will be in Boston for a resumption of the series with the resumption of the series with

While the Yankees, as well as the dict on points, and Dempsey, in order to win the championship would be re-quired to stop Willard. Therefore the question of a decision on points depends that the Yankees, as well as the Dodgers, epilled considerable bad ball in Saturday's game, Manager Huggins has a lot to feel clated over. The twirt-lar of both Mogridge and Shawkey was question of a decision on points depends entirely on the law of the State in which the contest takes place."

Ing of both Mogridge and Shawkey was superb. There is little doubt that all the Yankee pitchers will be in ideal

Huggins Releases Players.

Infielder Edwin Mooers, formerly with one an exceptionally accurate judgment camp this spring, have been released by the slouch at the game either. I plant to the American Association.

Southern N. Y. Title Tourney.

University of Chicago freshman, set a new world's indoor record for the 600 new world's indoor record for the 600 yard run last night at the Central A. A. U. championships, running the distance in 1:11 1-5. The old mark of 1:13 2-5 was held by Tom Halpin of the Irish American Athletic Club of New York. Jole Ray, Illinois Athletic Club, broke another A. A. U. record when he reduced his own time of 2:31 2-5 for two miles to 9:16 1-5.

## and Dodgers spent to-day resting for the drive along the northern trail to-mortow morning. Both teams leave here IN HANDICAP RUN

Veteran Wins Clark House Chase in Which Record Field of Harriers Compete.

the lead at the two mile mark and was never headed thereafter. The Morning- German machine gun bullet. He was side athlete ran a corking race. He sent back to the States a few months defeated the largest field of harriers ago and made his debut for the season agreeable to both the Yankees and the lead at the two mile mark and was that has taken part in a road race this to-day by winning, and beating Frank season. One hundred and twenty-two Whitney of the New York A. C., Gus runners started. It was Parkinson's Klingel and Al Flaws. The summaries a

than a yard in the rear of his team mate. L. Milofsky of the Kings County than a Milofsky of the Kings County than A. A. material of the Brooklyn A. A. fifth. Parkinson's time of 22 minutes was considered fair. considering it was his first race this season.

Max Bohland of the Paulist A. C., the national cross-country champion, captured the fast time prize from scratch. Bohland, who wen the metropolitant two mile title last Saturday night, finished in fifty-ninth place in the fine time of 20 minutes 25 seconds. Charlie Pores of the Milirose A. A., national five and ten mile champion, the other scratch man, finished in eighty-sixth position, in 20 minutes 48 seconds.

P. Schlavione of the Mohawk A. C., who was allowed a handicap of 2 minutes 45 seconds, was the first novice to finish and was awarded that prize. M. Zucker of the Clark House A. A. won the Intersectional A. L. prize.

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Three Cornered Match Time won the Intersectional A. L. prize The team trophy went to the Br A. A. runners, who returned the low score of 69. The Paulist athletes were

econd and the Mohawk runners third

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Russo, St. Anselm's A. C. 2 45
Beagan. St. Anselm's A. C. 3 65
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## SPENCER TRIUMPHS CHICAGO, April 13.—Tom Campbell, IN 3 CORNERED RACE

Defeats Madden and McNamara in Bicycle Match at Newark Velodrome.

Special Despatch to THE SUN. NEWARE, N. J., April 13 .- Arthud Spencer triumphed over Eddie Madden and Reggie McNamara in a three cornered match race at the Velodrome here to-day. The race went three heats, with Madden being credited with a victory n the first, and Spencer winning the wo next. In the first heat, which was at one mile, McNamara, who won, was disqualified for switching, and first place given to Maddon, as Spencer did not finish, puncturing his tire a half lap from the tape. The second heat, at three mlies, went to Spencer, who finished a length shead of Madden, with McNamara third. The third and deciding heat was the best of the three.

The victory of Fred Taylor, a Newark amateur, in the one mile open was one of the most popular wins of the day.

RECORD GATHERING AT N. Y. A. C. TRAPS

Actual Time for High Gun Prize in Travers Island Shoot. Records for attendance a' a Sunday shoot of the New York Athletic Club were smashed yesterday when forty-three gunners reported on the firing 23 of line. The sky was overcast and a stiff soar in a manner that caused the ningrous considerable troubles. As the results, the scores were not particularly

high, not a single straight string being returned during the afternoon.

The race for the high scratch prize ended in a tie between M. McVoy and A. I. Burns. Each had a ninety-two out of a possible 100 targets. The former supper won the shoot off. The high handicap prize was wen by J. the special handicap prize was taken
by W. R. Delehanty. Three gunners
int the ghost trophics. They W. G. Alien, J. M. McLaughlin and A. P. Bennett. J. H. Vanderveer missed the fourth white "bird." The winners

Ghest Trophies Hit by W. G. Alen, J. M. Molaukhita and A. P. Bennett. Missed by J. H. Vanderiver.

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